data on household consumer expenditure, which is available at an inverval of approximately five years. The estimates of poverty among the Scheduled Tribe population are available for the year 1993-94 based on the National sample survey data on consumer expenditure of the 50th Round. According to this 25.66% of Tribal population in rural areas and 46.68% in urban areas lived below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94.

(b) As per the Planning Commission (Modified Expert Group), 15.92% of the total population in rural areas and 38.33% in Urban areas lived below the poverty line in Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94.

(c) and (d) Various schemes under the sectors of Agriculture/ Animal Husbandry, forestry, Minor Forest Produce operation, Minor Irrigation, Cottage & Small Scale Industries are being implemented under the strategies of Rural Development and Tribal Sub-Plan for eradication of Poverty and raising income levels of tribals. During the last three years, 3,95,600 Tribal families in Andhra Pradesh were economically assisted under these schemes so as to bring them above the poverty line.

Development of Sabars community in West Bengal

4068. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sabars community of Purulia in West Bengal still continues to live in the humiliation of nakedness, as reported in the Asian Age, dated 21st March. 2001;

(b) if so, the amount allocated under Indira Awas Yojana and under other plans for the development of the block; and

(c) the action proposed to enquire as to why no development took place in the area even after 53 years of independence?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The report has come to the notice of the Government. The Union Government has already adopted Tribal Sub Plan strategy with the

objectives of (i) bringing the tribals on par with other sections of the society and (ii) Protecting them from exploitation. The TSP strategy is in operation in 18 States and 2 Union Territories, including the State of West Bengal. Furthermore, there are 12 Integrated Tribal Development Projects, in West Bengal, including 1 in Purulia District. Besides, details of funds released during the last 3 years by this Ministry for the overall socio-economic development of the tribals of West Bengal are given at Statement-I *(See* below).

The details of year-wise allocation, releases, utilization, targets and achievement under Indira Awas Yojana, as intimated by the Ministry of Rural Development, are given at Statement-II *(See* below).

The Ministry of Rural Development has intimated that an amount of Rs. 1258.65 lakhs was released to the State Government of West Bengal under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana-Gramin Awas. District-wise allocation and release of funds are made by the State Government.

An amount of Rs.309.37 lakhs was released as first installment of funds to the State Government of West Bengal during 1999-2000 under Credit-Cum-Subsidy Scheme for Rural Housing. District wise allocation and release of funds were made by the State Government including Purulia District. However, in the absence of utilization Certificate etc., no further funds could be released.

No proposal has been received from the State Government of West Bengal under the Rural Building Centre Scheme and Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development.

Statement—I

Funds released to West Bengal during the last three years under various schemes of the Ministry

(Rs. In lakhs)

Sl. No.	Scheme	Year		
		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Post Matric Scholarship	—	33.00	64.06
2.	Research and Training	23.78	00.92	01.40
3.	Vocation Training Centre	15.65	28.92	06.02
4.	State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation Scheme	—	50.00	—
5.	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan	2222.10	1759.40	1759.40
6.	Article 275(1)	578.50	556.75	835.50
7.	Primitive Tribal Group	—	—	100.00
8.	NGOs	67.22	90.53	140.66
9.	State Tribal Development Corporation	—	—	40.00

Statement—II

Year-wise allocation releases utilisation, targets and its achievement under IAY Indira Awas Yojana in Purulia district of West Bengal during last 3 years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	O.B as on 1.4.98	Allocation			Releases			Total Avl. Funds	Utili-zation	% age Ach. Funds	No. of Houses	
			Central	State	Total	Central	State	Total				Targetted	Constructed
1	1998-99	110.92	499.94	124.99	624.93	349.96	87.49	437.45	548.37	302.87	55.23	3505	1380
2	1999-2000	245.50	297.43	99.14	396.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	245.50	175.83	71.62	2370	962
3	2000-2001	69.67	297.43	99.14	396.57	148.72	49.75	198.29	267.96	25.16	9.39	2379	229*

*Provisional